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Mt. Taylor Ranger District Plans Prescribed Burns For 2013

Grants, New Mexico- January 11, 2013. The Cibola National Forest and Grasslands' Mt. Taylor Ranger District is planning several prescribed burns this year to clean up residual vegetation from logging operations in the Zuni Mountains.

- The Carbon Piles prescribed burn will treat 150 acres in the Bluewater lake area adjacent to private lands.
- The Buckmore prescribed burn will treat approximately 2,000 acres near the old logging town of Buckmore off of FR 421 in Rice Park area.
- The Corral prescribed burn will treat 1,000 acres in the Cottonwood Canyon area off of Forest Road 48.3.
- The Red Canyon prescribed burn will burn 800 acres on Forest Road 178 about a mile north of Post Office Flats.

“By completing these prescribed burns, we will reduce hazardous fuels, reduce the risk of catastrophic fire, reintroduce fire to the ecosystem, and maintain fire adapted vegetation types,” said District Ranger Matt Reidy.

Although the dates for each of these prescribed burns have not been determined, burning will only occur when the appropriate weather is forecasted and the required personnel and equipment are available. Fire management crews will patrol for as long as necessary after ignition to ensure public safety.

The will send out notices and post information on the Cibola's website prior to starting any of these burns. For more information, contact the Mt. Taylor Ranger District at: (505) 287-8833.

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